THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Double laning of National Highway (NH) No. 52 in Arunachal Pradesh has been included under Phase 'B' of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North-Eastern Region (SARDP-NE) for which the Government has given approval for preparation of Detailed Project Report. NH-52does not traverse to China border. However, improvement of State road in a total length of 289 km from Pasighat to Bishing (China Border) has been included under Phase 'B' & 'C of SARDP-NE. Whereas the Government has given approval for preparation of DPR for road section from Pasighat to Yingkiong (129 Km) under Phase 'B', the remaining length under Phase 'C has not been approved.

(b) Four laning of National Highways in the North-Eastern Region under East-West Corridor is being implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the construction work has already begun. Four laning of 18 km long Guwahati Bypass on NH-37 has already been completed. The remaining stretches of East-West Corridor have already been awarded by the NHAI for implementation, excluding a stretch of NH-54 from Km 40 to km 275 and Brahmaputra Bridge.

(c) River Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Dhubri (891 km.) has been declared as National Waterway and basic inland water transport infrastructure namely navigational channel, terminals and navigational aids are being provided on this waterway by the Inland Waterways Authority of India in a phased manner. The waterway is already being utilized for transportation of goods and passengers. Karimganj and Lakhipur stretch of river Barak is also under consideration of the Government of India for declaration as a National Waterway. However, this"waterway is already connected with Indo-Bangladesh Protocol routes and Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC) and private operators operate cargo transportation between Kolkata/Haldia and Karimganj/Badarpur on Barak river from time to time.

National Highways damaged due to rains

1785. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of a number of National Highways has worsened following incessant rains in a number of States, particularly in the Southern States;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what measures have been contemplated to improve the conditions of the affected highways, with details of financial allocation made and time-frame set for completing the task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State-wise details of damages to National Highways due to incessant rains and measures contemplated to improve the conditions of the affected highways are enclosed as Statement (See below). The funds for repair of damages due to rain/flood are provided from the allocation for maintenance and repair of National Highways. During current year an amount of Rs. 769.14 crore has been allocated for maintenance of National Highways in the country. The works of repair due to rain/flood damages are targeted for completion with a maximum period of two working seasons.

Statement

Details of damages due to heavy rain/floods and action taken in the year2005

SI N	State	NH No.	Extent of damges to National Highways	Steps taken
1	Andhra Pradesh	5. 7, 9, 16, 18,43.63, 202, 205, 214, 214A, 219,221,222	BT surface, culverts, wing walls damaged, approaches and road portions washed out at some locations, damages to protection	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	153	Subsidience/land slides, landslips, erosion, culverts damaged at different locations.	Restoration works like filling of pot holes. Patch repairs, restoration of embankment, repair of cross drainage works
3	Assam	31. 31B. 36. 37, 38, 39, 54, 61, 62, 152, 153, 154	Erosion of side berms, disintegration of road surfaces, subgrade failure, land pot holes, damages to cross drainage structures at different locations	
4	Bihar	19, 28, 28A, 31.57, 57A, 77, 104, 105, 106, 107,	Cutting of road crust damages in the bridges and approaches.	walls repairs to bridge, construction of diversion road wherever required are provided to
5	Chhattisgar	6, 12A, 43, 78, 200. 216,221,	Damage to formation/carriage way of roads mostly at approaches to culverts & bridges.	
6	Goa	17, 4A. 17A, 17B,	Damages to road surface, landslide, damage to head wall and parapet wall of cross drainage works, side embankment washed out at some locations, damage to the protection work and sinking of carriageway at	in traffic worthy

SI No	State	NH No.	Extent of damges to National Highways	Steps taken
7	Gujarat	NEI. 6, 8A. 8C. 8D, 8E, 15, 59	Pot holes, patches, damage to toe & retaining walls, surface damaged in some stretches, damages to culverts and bridges, cuts & erosion of earth in shoulders and settlement at few locations.	
8	Haryana	21A, 65, 71A, 72.73	Damages to road surface causing pot holes, patches, erosion of embankment and damage to berms at different locations	
9	Himachal Pradesh	20, 21. 21 A, 22, 70, 72, 88	Formation, Bailey bridges, suspension bridge washed away Slips & erosions due to flood in river.	
10	Jharkhand	23,31,32,33, 75, 80, 99, 100	Damages to road surface causing pot holes, erosion of berms and damages to cross drainage works.	
11	Karnataka	4, 4A, 7, 9, 13, 17, 48, 63, 206, 207. 209,212,218	BT surface, culverts wing walls damaged approaches washed out at some locations	
12	Kerala	17. 47, 47A, 49, 206, 212. 218. 220	BT surface, culverts, wing walls damaged, pot holes, erosion of shoulders, settlement of roads at some locations.	
13	Madhya Pradesh	3, 7, 12, 12A, 26, 59, 59A, 69, 75, 78, 86	Damage to formation/carriage way of mostly at approaches to culverts & development of pot holes and washing out of berms at few locations Damages in in, major bridges.	Restoration works like filling of pot holes, Patch repairs,
14	Maharashtra	3, 4, 4B, 6. 7, 9. 13.17, 50. 69,204.211, 222	Damages to road surface, land slide, damage to head wall and parapet wall of cross drainage works, side shoulder and embankment washed out at some locations, damage to the protection work and sinking of carriageway at different locations	repair of cross drainage works bridge, construction of
15	Manipur	39, 150	Damages to the road surface, subsidience/ land slides, landslips, shoulder erosion, damages to culverts at different locations	diversion road wherever required are
16	Meghalaya	40.40E, 62	, Subsidience/land slides, landslips, formation erosion, protection work damaged at different locations	in traffic worthy
17.	Mizoram	44A, 150. 154	. Subsidience/land slides, landslips, shoulder erosion, culverts damaged at different locations	condition.
18	Nagaland	36,61	Subsidience/land slides, landslips, shoulder erosion, culverts damaged at different locations.	

SI. No.	State	NH No.	Extent of damges to National Highways	Steps taken
19.	Orissa	5, 5A, 6, 23, 42, 43, 75, 200,201,203, 215, 217, 224	Damages to road surface, depressions and cracks in some stretches, damages to the cross drainage structures and berms.	
20.	Punjab	71	Slips & erosions due to flood in river.	Restoration works like
21.	Rajasthan	8,3	Berm & retaining wall damaged, damages to road surface causing pot holes, patches and washing out of embankment at one location.	filling of pot holes, Patch repairs,
22.	Tamil Nadu	4,5, 7, 7A, 45A, 45B, 47, 47B, 49, 57, 66, 67, 68, 205, 207, 208, 209, 219,220	Damages to road surface causing pot holes. patches in the riding surface erosion to the berms, breach in diversion, damages to the retaining wall, culverts and bridges at different locations. Road portion washed out at one location. It is still raining in Tamil Nadu and damage due to continuing rain and floods needs further assessment for taking action for repair of damaged portions.	restoration of embankment, repair of cross drainage works & retaining walls repairs to bridge, construction of diversion road wherever required are
23	Uttaranchal	58, 72, 74, 87,94, 119, 121, 123, 125	Pot holes, road washed away in some stretches, culverts, retaining walls wing walls damaged	provided to in traffic worthy
24.	Uttar Pradesh	7,11,19, 24, 26, 27, 28, 28B, 28C, 29, 56, 58, 72A, 73, 74, 75E, 76, 76E, 86, 87, 91, 92, 93, 96, 97, 91 A, 119	Pot holes, rain cuts in high embankment/ bridge approaches, culverts damaged and slips occurred at some places.	condition.
25.	West Bengal	2,6, 31, 31C, 32, 35, 60 55, 81,117	Damages to road surface causing pot holes, depressions and damages of side shoulders.	

Accidents involving Indian seafarers

1786. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a rise in accidents involving Indian seafarers on Indian ships especially in Indian boundary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons that in many cases inquiry/investigation are not initiated?